## Commission on Appellate Court Appointments

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## RESULTS OF MEETING TO ADDRESS NOMINEES FOR THE INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments has provided 25 nominees for the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission to appointing officials at the Legislature. At a meeting held on December 29, by the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments, three motions were made and voted on by the commission in response to questions raised by Speaker of the House Kirk Adams and Senate President-Elect Russell Pearce.

A motion was made to affirm the decision to forward Paul Bender as a nominee for the Independent Redistricting Commission. This motion passed unanimously. The Chief Justice did not participate in the vote.

A motion was made to add the names of Crystal Russell and Christopher Gleason list of nominees. The motion did not pass 4 - 9. The Chief Justice did not vote.

A motion was made to not accept the withdrawal of Stephen Sossaman and Mark Schnepf. The motion passed 9-4. The Chief Justice did not vote.

Below is the list the list of nominees provided to the appointing officials.

**Democratic** nominees are Marcia J. Busching (Maricopa County), Robert L. Cannon (Maricopa County), Eric B. Henderson (Navajo County), Jose M. Herrera (Maricopa County), Linda C. McNulty (Pima County), Lawrence C. Mohrweis (Coconino County), William G. Roe (Pima County), Mark D. Rubin (Pima County), Jimmie D. Smith (Yuma County), and Marshall A. Worden (Pima County).

**Independent** nominees are Paul Bender (Maricopa County), Raymond F. Bladine (Maricopa County), Kimber L. Lanning (Maricopa County), Colleen C. Mathis (Pima County), and Margarita Silva (Maricopa County).

**Republican** nominees are Jim Bruner (Maricopa County), Louis A. de Leon (Maricopa County), Scott D. Freeman (Maricopa County), Patrick McWhortor (Maricopa County), Michael R. Perry (Maricopa County), Mark E. Schnepf (Maricopa County), Susan F. Shultz (Maricopa County), Stephen J. Sossaman (Maricopa County), Lynn Werner (Maricopa County), and Benny E. White (Pima County).

Legislative leaders will appoint the first four members of the Redistricting Commission. The fifth member will be chosen by the four members appointed to the commission. No more than two members of the Redistricting Commission can be members of the same political party. Of the first four appointed, no more than two can be residents of the same county. For more information about the Independent Redistricting Commission nomination process, visit <a href="www.arizona-redistricting-nominations.com">www.arizona-redistricting-nominations.com</a>.

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